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## Rev-Perf Newsletter #18

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#### **The end is near!**

First I wish to express my thanks to all who have contributed over the years to the U.S. Revenue Catalog project.

Next I have a big "HELP please!" I lost all my emails from last year. I need to know who sent me a write up or an introduction to revenues so they can get credit in the book.

This has been a journey that actually started in the 1940s when I noted that some of my revenues had initials perforated in them. I also put away (and lost over the years) some stock transfer sales slips. Over the years I had sorted out the revenue stamps, both US and foreign, with perforated initials or cancellations. After I rejoined the Perfins Club and the US perfin catalog on postage stamps came out, I mentioned to another perfin collector that there was a need for a similar catalog of perfinned revenue stamps. He was doubtful. Then after I had finished another large project, Chuck Spaulding published his article in the *Bulletin* in 1999. I contacted Chuck and started through my massive accumulation (I still have tens of thousands of stamps and many documents to check).

At one time Chuck started looking for someone younger to take over the project. When we exchanged birthdates, I turned out to be younger. When Chuck died, I decided that, as a long time revenue collector, with the time and computer assets, to take on the project.

The book has been designed so that custom versions to meet collector specific interests can be produced.

#### **2007 PLANS**

- Test PDF format for possible use in creating a CD version of the catalog.
- Review the sections on punched initials and designs for those used in checks and fiscal documents.
- Develop formats and procedures for issuing updates and revisions for new material.
- Develop a "style manual" and start revising for consistency.
- Start second iteration.

**CATALOG STATUS:** [The first paragraph in this section has been obsoleted by the announcement in Note #19 and so deleted by the editor]

There are now about 1650 beer patterns recorded.

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Some new ones are JK/10:28:04, JSBCo/+9 11 16, Q\$NABC0/+5:+ 3:06. About another 20 have been reported but scans are pending. A number of checks and fiscal documents (stocks, stock sales slips, etc.) have been obtained and are awaiting scanning and entry. Among the checks are several World War II ration checks and a refund check from the Miles Kimball Company perforated with the date over "Miles Kimball" in script. Several ornate perforated

check cancels have been entered with up to 454 pins used. Tables useful in deciphering coded check cancels have been obtained from the American Society of Check Collectors.

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